

# Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2016-17 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of February 6, 2017

## WALK-IN AREAS

No reports from the walk-in fields west of 1804 and down into the west side of Okobojo Creek.

## REGISTRATION AREA

This past week hunters continued to report back on getting some birds with a few groups getting their limit for the day. When the temperatures were warmer the first part of the week the birds were moving mid-morning, however as the temperatures dropped the birds began to come out later in the day. With the predicted warmer weather towards the last few days of the season the birds will hopefully start fly around more again and come back out to feed earlier in the day and give the hunters a better chance at working them into their decoy spreads. We continued to work on opening trails last week to get hunters into the fields, with access into several of the fields being good as long as we do not get much snow or high winds the trails should remain this way. Hunters planning to make a trip out that need to reserve one of the trailers can click on one of the links to either the black or the white loaner trailer on the Lower Oahe Program page to reserve one or to check on availability.

**Reminder the 2016 Hunting and Fishing License has expired, the 2016 Federal Waterfowl Stamp remains valid until June 30, 2017.**

## PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

No reports from any of the pass shooting areas again this week, with most of Lake Oahe frozen over the birds have moved into open water areas below the dam.

## SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

No hunter reports on success this week from the striped green area west of Ft. Pierre or the solid and striped green areas east of Grey Goose Road. With the warmer weather last week the birds started moving around into different areas which has slowed some of the flights into both of these areas.

## SUMMARY

Hunters in the decoy-only registration fields have continued to report back with success for most, some are getting a couple of birds each while some have been able to get a limit all depending on when and where the birds are moving to. The past week saw a few changes in flight times and patterns as the temperatures changed making it a little tough to predict the birds. The solid and striped green areas have continued to have hunters using the fields but it has slowed some both for numbers of birds and hunters using the areas.

**For those planning on making a trip out to hunt the final week of the season you are reminded to make sure you have your 2017 hunting license before coming out, the 2016 Federal Waterfowl Stamp remains valid until June 30<sup>th</sup>.**